



Waltham Toll Bar Academy

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Dear families

As the academic year comes to an end, I am writing to highlight some aspects of school life over recent weeks and also to update you on some changes and developments at Waltham Toll Bar next year.

First full school musical production

I know many of you who attended were bowled over by our new Performing Arts department production of 'Matilda'. I particularly enjoyed popping in on the rehearsals throughout the year since the first auditions and to see the final matinees and full production was fantastic.

You will know that Toll Bar has always had a longstanding reputation for academic excellence – that will always remain the case. However, at the same time we believe that we can provide our students with a rich range of diverse and enriching opportunities such as the production and I am looking forward to seeing these go from strength-to-strength next year.

Watch this space for the announcement of next year's production!

Year 11 and Year 13

I have been so impressed to watch our students who have recently completed their GCSE and A Level examination season.

It was obvious that the students put a great deal of work and preparation in to their exams and took each of them seriously.

The end of term events such as the Year 13 Celebration and the Year 11 Prom were lovely reminders of their time with us and an opportunity to wish them good luck.

We are looking forward to welcoming students back on GCSE and A Level results days on 15 and 22 August. More information will be sent directly to these year groups.



School transportation

As we begin to plan for September, we are aware that some of you may have questions regarding how your child will get to the academy each day. We have a dedicated page on the academy website which deals specifically with these logistical matters.

This can be found under Parents Info and selecting Transport for the drop-down menu, the link for which is [Waltham Toll Bar Academy - Transport](#). This page should provide all of the information you require, including contact details to apply for bus passes, however should you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact us either by using the email address enquiries@tollbaracademy.co.uk or via telephone on 01472 500505.

Uniform policy

Our approved uniform supplier remains Uniform Direct, 54 Victoria St, Grimsby, DN31 1BL.

I have attached a summary of the updated uniform policy for your information here.

There is one significant change which is the academy tie. There is a new tie is on sale at Uniform Direct which replaces a myriad of ties which the academy has had in the past hopefully making it simpler and easier for you. From September all students must wear this tie only.

Primary school partnerships

As a school we are absolutely committed to be open, collegial and inclusive. Working in partnership with others locally is one of our three core values. It is why I am so pleased we have welcomed lots of younger children over recent weeks for a great many activities.

This term we have run more Year 5 taster days than ever before, welcomed our new Year 6 students for transition days and also offered open mornings and an informal open evening for Year 4 and 5 families.

Our main open evening will take place on 17 September 17:00pm-19:30pm and we will be offering more open mornings (an opportunity to see the normal school day in action) through the autumn term.

Foster Friendly Employer and School

I am delighted that we are now a Foster Friendly employer and the first foster friendly school in the country. We have worked closely with North East Lincolnshire Children's services in developing this new partnership and offer.

What does it mean? A flyer outlining the scheme is attached.

Year teams

Further to some staff promotions and role changes, I am pleased to confirm the new year teams from next academic year:

Year Group	Head of Year (HoY)	Senior Leader Link
Year 7	Mrs R Knight	Mr O Fothergill
Year 8	Mrs R Shaw Miss F Bates	Mr S Batts
Year 9	Mr J Tye	Mr D Wood
Year 10	Mr J Ward Miss F Bates	Mrs S Brown
Year 11	Mrs O Newell Mr R Cowie	Mr R Watson
Head of KS3	Mrs C Norris	
Head of KS4	Mr R Cowie	

I know all of the Heads of Year and Assistant Year Leaders are keen to work closely with you. Please do not hesitate to contact them with any queries / concerns.

Toll Bar Outdoors

I am delighted that from September we will be providing a bespoke Outdoor Education provision both for our students here at the academy and with our partner schools locally.

Mr Pharaoh will be leading this new provision working with Ms Seal who has already established the Duke of Edinburgh. Both are passionate about outdoor education opportunities for young people and have a wealth of experience.

More information regarding these opportunities will be circulated in the new academic year.

Enrichment and extra-curricular clubs for next year

This year was the first iteration of our school-wide enrichment and personal development programme. We are pleased that over 21,000 sessions of enrichment or intervention took place after school last year for our students and we only see this going from strength-to-strength next year. Enrichment and personal development were praised highly in our recent Ofsted report as a real strength of the academy which, we feel, underlines our commitment to developing our young people beyond academic success.

Next year enrichment will continue to run from 3pm till 4pm, Tuesday to Friday, free of charge. The sessions we have from September are detailed below and all students will be able to sign up for these on the first week they return to the school. All Enrichment will start on Wednesday 18 September 2024, the day after our main open evening.

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Y7-Y9 Boys Football	Esports Club	Crafting Club	Dance Club and Dance Fitness
Ecology/Gardening Committee	Y10-Y11 Boys Football	Board Games Club	KS4 Art Club
Spanish Club	Crafting Club	Jewellery Making	Running Club
Table Tennis	Ukulele Club	Maths Games and Blooket	
Badminton	Y9-Y11 Gym Fitness	Science Club	
Baking (Limited to 20 spaces)	Comic Book Club	Cheerleading with Fierce Elite	
Scrapbooking	Technology Club	Podcasts and School Radio	
Charity and Student Committee	School Newspaper	Girls Football	
Animation Club	Sewing/Knitting	KS3 Art Club	
Minecraft Club	Social Sciences Club	Esports Club (Alternative Day)	
Debate Team	EqualiTea LGBTQ+ Club	Chess Club	
German Language	Airfix Model building	Japanese Language and Culture Club	
School Musical	Warhammer Club	3D Rendering and Architecture	
	Photography Club		



Start of term arrangements

The new academic year will start for all students at 8.40am on Wednesday 4 September.

As part of this first day, all students will attend a full school assembly and celebration held at the Grimsby Auditorium from 10am – 11.30am.

Students will register as normal in morning tutor time and then be transported by coach to the Auditorium. Tutor rooms remain the same as has been this year apart from for Year 11 students who will be based in block one.

There will then be extended tutor time to ensure students organised for the new term followed by normal lessons in the afternoon.

As this year draws to an end, I would like to extend my sincerest thanks to you for your continued support and encouragement. I have been so proud to see all of the great opportunities our students have been offered and got themselves involved with and I am looking forward to seeing even further opportunities in the new academic year.

Yours sincerely,



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